

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 OSAKA 00943 200249Z

15

ACTION EB-11

INFO OCT-01 EA-11 ISO-00 COME-00 TRSE-00 AGR-20 INT-08

OMB-01 CIAE-00 INR-11 NSAE-00 RSC-01 STR-08 DRC-01

/073 W

----- 082633

R 200140Z SEP 74

FM AMCONSUL OSAKA KOBE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1635

UNCLAS OSAKA KOBE 943

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, JA

SUBJECT: JAPANESE LUMBERS STANDARDS

REF: A. STATE 18140, PARA 3.

B. OSAKA KOBE A-15

1. WWPA'S ROBERTS AND HUNT VISITED OSAKA SEPT. 9/10. CONGEN
ARRANGED SCHEDULE SIMILAR TO APA IOGA (REF. B) AT WWPA REQUEST.

2. ROBERTS SEES FOLLOWING PROBLEMS BASED ON DISCUSSIONS WITH
GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY IN TOKYO AND OSAKA:

A. DIFFERENCES IN GRADING CRITERIA. JAPAN LUMBER ASSOCIATION
(JLA) INSPECTORS ARE UNDERGRADING ABOUT THIRTY PERCENT OF
PRE-CUT LUMBER FROM U.S. AND CANADA. THE GRADING CRITERIA USED
IN JAPAN ARE VIRTUALLY SAME AS THOSE USED IN U.S. AND CANADA.
EVEN GIVEN THE TIME LAG BETWEEN NORTH AMERICAN AND JAPANESE
GRADINGS AND THE POOR TRANSPORTATION STRAGE CONDITIONS, THE
DOWNGRADING RATE IS FAR TOO HIGH. (POST COMMENT: OSAKA'S EIDAI
CO. IMPORTED NORTH AMERICAN PRE-CUT LUMBER INDEPENDENTLY BEFORE
CURRENT RULES WERE IN EFFECT. THE DOWNGRADING RATE WAS ABOUT
FIFTEEN PERCENT. END COMMENT)

B. INSPECTION FEE: ROBERTS HAS HEARD RUMOR THAT INSPECTION
FEE WAS APPLIED TO FULL VOLUME OF SHIPMENT BY TOKYO IMPORTER
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 OSAKA 00943 200249Z

AT YEN 180/CUBIC METER. ALTHOUGH ONLY SAMPLE PORTION WAS

INSPECTED.

C. INSPECTION SITE: REGULATIONS DO NOT STRIPULATE INSPECTION SITE,
AND ADEQUATE SITES TO INSPECT A SHIP-LOAD OF LUMBER ARE RARE.

D. OMISSION OF STUD QUALITY IN JAS: NEARLY FIFTH PERCENT OF
U.S. SAW MILLS ARE ENGAGED IN PRODUCTION OF STUDS.
ABSENCE OF STUD QUALITY MAY CREATE CONFUSION IN PRICING AND
GRADING.
BRUNS

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: LUMBER, VISITS, INSPECTIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 20 SEP 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974OSAKA00943
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740264-0039
From: OSAKA KOBE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19740928/aaaaaxbx.tel
Line Count: 71
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EB
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: A. STATE 18140, PARA 3.
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: cunninfx
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 04 APR 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <04 APR 2002 by maustmc>; APPROVED <03 FEB 2003 by cunninfx>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: JAPANESE LUMBERS STANDARDS
TAGS: ETRD, JA, (ROBERTS), (HUNT)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005